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SUBJECT: MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON OIL SHARING OF HIGH-LEVEL GROUP
OF OIL COMMITTEE.

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1. OCT. 11-12 MEETING INFORMAL WORKING PARTY ON SHARING
MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO PERMIT RAPPORTEUR (EBEL,
INTERIOR) TO DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON ISSUES AND OPTIONS OF
SHARING UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THIS DRAFT HOPE-
FULLY CAN BE COMPLETED AND IN HANDS OF OTHER MEMBERS BY
VERY EARLY NOVEMBER. INFORMAL WORKING PARTY WILL RECON-
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VE NE FOR LAST TIME 15-16 NOVEMBER (MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

30-31 OCTOBER CANCELLED) TO REVIEW RAPPORTEUR'S EFFORTS. REVISED DRAFT THEN WILL BE TABLED AT 19 NOVEMBER MEETING OF HLG OF OIL COMMITTEE, AT WHICH TIME THE CHAIRMAN (VAN RHIJN) OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL PRESENT ORAL BRIEFING ON ESSENCE OF THE DRAFT REPORT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE HLG MAY TAKE ACTION TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARD FINAL AGREEMENT ON OECD-WIDE SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. DRAFT REPORT IS TO DEFINE PRECISELY MEANING AND IMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING QUANTITIES OIL INVOLVED, OF THREE BASES FOR SHARING -- OIL MOVING IN OVERSEAS TRADE, CONSUMPTION, AND VITAL NEEDS. FIRST APPROACH REPRESENTS U.S. - CANADIAN PREFERENCE; OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP (EXCEPT AUSTRALIANS WHO NONCOMMITTAL) HAVE OPTED FOR LATTER TWO. DRAFT WILL ALSO PROVIDE TWO MORE OPTIONS FOR COMPROMISING OR BALANCING AMONG THESE THREE ELEMENTS.

3. ALL ISSUES EXCEPT TRIGGER MECHANISM FULLY DISCUSSED. THIS ELEMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL, HOWEVER, TO PERMIT RAPPORTEUR TO TREAT IT IN HIS DRAFT REPORT WITHOUT FURTHER GUIDANCE.

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